

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-162
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**ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER**

(Issued June 17, 2002)

On February 12, 2001, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a petition with the Utilities Board (Board) requesting the renewal of the existing natural gas pipeline Permit No. R-878. The pipeline consists of approximately 4.57 miles of 10-inch high-pressure pipeline and is one of the pipelines that provide natural gas service to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Iowa Code § 479.7 (2001) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. The petition and accompanying exhibits are in order and the route has been inspected by a member of the Board's Safety and Engineering section. The Board will assign this proceeding, identified as Docket No. P-162, to a presiding officer for the establishment of a procedural schedule and to exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.1(4).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Docket No. P-162 is assigned to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.1(4).

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.